

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Larry Foster (Chair), Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Sandra Faulkner, Debbie Gregory, Isaac Hughes, Tony Robinson, Pat Seymour, Terry Sheldrake, Josh Wharehinga, Kerry Worsnop and Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz

MINUTES of the OPERATIONS Committee

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 13 April 2022 at 9:00AM.

PRESENT:

Larry Foster (Chair), Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Sandra Faulkner, Debbie Gregory, Isaac Hughes, Tony Robinson, Pat Seymour and Terry Sheldrake.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Lifelines David Wilson, Acting Director Liveable Communities De-Arne Sutherland, Director Environmental Services & Protection Helen Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Governance Advisor Jill Simpson and Committee Secretary Penny Lilburn.

Secretarial Note: Director of Environmental Services & Protection Helen Montgomery attended via audio visual link.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the apologies from Cr Akuhata-Brown, Cr Worsnop be sustained.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 17 February 2022

3.1 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 17 February 2022

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Hughes

That the Minutes of 17 February 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

Item 10.1 Cr Burdett noted there is no partnership between Te Runananui o Ngati Porou and the Council regarding the Ruatoria Water Supply Update and that instead it is a Memorandum of understanding.

3.2. Action Sheet

Item 13.2 – A report on the Recovery Centre will be presented at a future Operations Committee meeting.

4. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

6. Public Input and Petitions

There were no public input or petitions

7. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. Adjourned Business

There was no adjourned business.

10. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff

10.1 INFORMATION Reports Infrastructure Services

10.1.1 22-72 June 2020 Weather Event

Discussions Included:

- Around \$4-5 million funding from Waka Kotahi may not be delivered in this financial year due to two other significant weather events and other external factors such as COVID-19, particularly within roading and contracting staff. As of 30 June 2022, funding will be lost from 88% to 68% as the 68% funding of the \$10M spent must be spent before the full 88% can be given.

- An updated report to be presented to a future Operations Committee's on the emergency repair work still required in each of the catchments.
- The assessment for a weather event has a six-week timeframe for assessing damage and to have a reasonable assumption on what the costs will be. Engineers need sufficient time to check the culverts rather than driving past and estimating the costs. This is to ensure all lodgings are correct as there is no negotiating with Waka Kotahi once the assessments have been handed in.
- Roading is still in response mode. There are numerous sites across the network where there is only one-lane and bulldozers are still clearing roads for people who are waiting for access into their homes.
- Three significant weather events have occurred in Tairāwhiti during the last three years. Discussions with Waka Kotahi are underway for a separate care package for the East Coast. This will run for multiple years and will be continuously adjusted as a result of climate change. A letter is being drafted to Waka Kotahi and Mayor Stoltz has had meetings with both the Minister of Transport and Waka Kotahi as the current system is not fit for purpose. While Waka Kotahi is aware of the problem, Council will have to push significantly for this.
- Acknowledgment to the Director of Lifelines and his team for the huge amount of work that is going into all regions from these momentous events.
- Clarification that there can be no pay model made between private users who are clearing roads and slips and Council as they are not registered on the Council's network. It becomes a health and safety issue for the Council if people are doing these tasks and are not accounted for on the network.
- Climate change initiatives for roading are often at a national level and do not always translate to what is good for Tairāwhiti. Normally, the quarterly meeting with contractors would have occurred to find examples of what is beneficial for climate change. However, without it the issue is the reporting mechanisms from contractors and ensuring that they are providing details on the ground and not at the high level.
- When considering weightings for jobs, maintenance contracts have more weightings for climate change. This requires a balancing act depending on the type of job, longevity, and the kind of impact it will have environmentally, economically, and socially.
- At peak, there are around 200 staff with a lot more support staff behind the scenes working on these weather projects.

MOVED by Cr Faulkner, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Operations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

10.1.2 22-21 Gisborne District Council Future Recycling and Rubbish Collection Services

Chloe Howard-Lloyd from the Solid Waste Team presented to the report on The Future of Recycling and Refuse in Tairāwhiti.

Discussions Included:

- The current Solid Waste contract expires in June 2022 with potential to be pushed out for one more year to 2023. This option will be discussed with the Waste Management team and Waste Management company.
- There is 38% of green waste that is going into the current landfill and separating the waste is best done by the wheelie bin implementation. However, this needs to be done with due diligence in the community as there is a fine balance between speed and meaningful engagement.
- It would be beneficial to look at smaller communities with similar demographic populations who also use wheelie bin systems and the sizes that they are using.
- The Waste Management Team have looked across the country at all the curbside collections which will feed into the information on what size bins should be used going forward.
- The \$200,00 budget for communications will be used to educate communities on how to use the system when it is implemented.
- Eighty eight percent of the organisation's overall carbon emission comes from waste. Community education could include green-waste, worm farms and composting to help reduce the emissions.
- Council does currently subsidise composting workshops at the Tairāwhiti Waste Centre free of charge.
- The expected lifespan of a wheelie bin is 10 years and afterwards are usually taken back for replaceable parts. These further details will need to be worked out as the plan comes more into focus.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Gregory

That the Operations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

10.2 INFORMATION Reports Communities

10.2.1 22-81 Waingake Transformation Programme Update

Discussions Included:

- The wilding pine are the biggest risk to the overall programme and having a system in place to keep on top of the growth is going to be critical moving forward.
- Regarding point 10 of the report, the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) obligations differ for each class of land, whether it is pre '99 or post '89 and further information will be provided in the workshop following the meeting.
- The potential cost to control the wilding pine population is budgeted at \$1100 per hectare per round of control and estimated that each area is going to need at least three hits, but this may drop off in future years.
- The current wilding pine areas have been mapped out to 2026 and a procurement process is being set up to determine how much this will cost until 2026. That information will be presented to Council potentially in the next quarterly update but looking at around several million dollars' worth of wilding pine control.
- The approach to spraying is generally not to use a helicopter which is why costs are high, however in some places that will not be the reasonable approach due to the high growth of pines.
- The pines are currently ranging from a few millimeters to a couple of metres high.
- To turn such a large area of land back into Native land was always going to be a huge task and acknowledgement to the Waignake team on the huge amount of work they are putting into the project.

MOVED by Cr Dowsing, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Operations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

11. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10:03 am.

Larry Foster

CHAIR